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I met with the President this evening and we discussed
SECTO 105. President assumes it is your intention that
Couve in his meeting Monday with Gromyko would simply sound
out with him idea of private meetings for further discussion
with subjects now before the Conference and would not rpt not
explore with him possible requirements for a Summit Meeting
along lines third para SECTO105. The President indicated that
while he is willing as he told Macmillan to be generous in
his definition of progress ^{such} progress should directly
relate to Berlin situation which has been cause of crisis.
In particular, he does not feel that an agreement by Soviets
to recommence disarmament negotiations in an appropriate forum
would be sufficient reason to accept a Summit Meeting.

The President looks forward to getting first hand report

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from you on your return including opportunity to discuss future progress of Conference.

Re last para of SECTO 105 Dept points out that idea of assurance from Soviets that they would take no unilateral action with respect to West Berlin for a period of time was originally a German idea in which we have never seen much virtue. Therefore, ^{if} Dept would prefer to see it dropped entirely ~~xx~~ Germans are willing and rely instead on assumption ^{that they would take no such action} and your statement that the President would not negotiate under duress at a Summit Conference.

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